

Minutes
Legislative Program and Policy Committee
November 12, 2013
Beth El Synagogue, West Hartford

Present: Michelle Duprey, Christopher Blake, Joyce Lewis, Mark Keenan, Meg McDermott, Bob Shea, Kathy Wolkner,

Review of mission/role of LPP: The committee reviewed their charge from the Council.

Election of Chairs: Kathy Wolkner moved to elect Michelle Duprey chair, and Meg McDermott Vice-chair of the LPP Committee. Joyce Lewis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Issues:

The committee felt that the position papers being developed by the Council should be sent to all legislators. Further, they discussed legislative proposals which could accompany each paper:

- Housing: legislation that would require a collaborative task force that includes DECD, DSS DDS, Aging, CHFA and CHRO
- Employment: Remove disincentives to earning income due to off-sets of benefits
- Transportation: Taxis should be able to serve any community in the state with accessible taxis, rather than be limited to one region.

Other issues included:

- A state website that is a one stop portal for disability services by state agencies, possibly joining with the long term care website
- Hold a legislative event to educate legislators on issues and the work of the Council
- Develop a rapid response team for the assisted suicide legislation
- Develop legislation that requires a sliding scale for birth to three

The committee will develop issues and whittle them down to a manageable level at the next meeting.